



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 16, 2026 at 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor LaRussa

1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor	Present	
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present:

City Manager, David Murphy
City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman
Finance Director/Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman
DPW Superintendent, Josh Leach
City Attorney, Tom Schultz

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

Bill Lubaway resident at 23790 Gill Road, presented concerns about Farmington Public Schools' reading proficiency rates, stating that 56% proficiency equals an F grade and recommended implementing letter grade reporting for school performance.

Mike Sweeney from the Emergency Preparedness Commission provided severe weather preparedness updates, encouraging residents to prepare safe rooms and participate in the upcoming Oakland County emergency test on Wednesday.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the const agenda as presented:

- A. City of Farmington Minutes
- B. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report

- D. Quarterly Financial Report December
- E. Quarterly Financial Report September
- F. Court Quarterly Report September
- G. Court Quarterly Report December
- H. Special Events: South Farmington Baseball Parade

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

5. Approval of the Regular Agenda

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

6. Presentations

- A. Drake Road Crossing and Sidewalk Connection - Girl Scout Troop 77976**
Girl Scout Troop 77976 presented their Silver Award project proposal for a Drake Road crossing and sidewalk connection, explaining their community outreach efforts and safety education plans.
- B. Food Waste Recycling – Mike Cspao**
Mike Cspao presented 2025 waste management metrics showing Farmington's recycling rate was twice the state average and reported successful food waste pilot program results with 19,000 pounds diverted from landfills.

7. New Business

7-A Food Waste Recycling agreement and MOU

Motion by Parkins
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to amend the current Solid Waste, Recycling Collection and Disposal Agreement between the City of Farmington and WM; and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Farmington and Spurt Industries thus allowing WM to collect food waste from residents' curbside and deliver it to Spurt Industries.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

7-B Cross Connection Contract Renewal

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, Move to approve a five (5) year contract renewal of Cross Connection Program Contract with HydroCorp Incorporated of Troy, MI for a total amount of \$79,417.80 for the contract term that is billed monthly with a 4% annual increase and allow City Administration to execute the contract documents.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

7-C Amendment No. 5 to the Water Services Contract between the City of Farmington and Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

Motion by Parkins
Seconded by Balk

Resolved, Move to approve Amendment No. 5 to the existing water services contract with GLWA and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

7-D Purchase of Replacement Water Meters

Motion by Taylor
Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to authorize the purchase of "E-Series" water meters from Blue-Water Solutions of Auburn Hills, MI in the amount not to exceed \$70,000.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa, Parkins
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

8. Public Comment

No members of the public spoke.

9. Council Comment

Mayor LaRussa presented DTE year-end performance data showing significant improvements in power reliability, with 95% improvement in outage duration and 65% reduction in outage frequency since 2021.

The Mayor announced that Farmington received a \$5,000 micro-grant from the Michigan Municipal League Foundation for the Downtown Development Authority's "Farmington After Dark" program to test extended weekday business hours.

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk thanked the Founders Festival Committee for their planning efforts and noted progress is being made.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk